JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:

1. Name: The Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove

Name that you are known by if different from above:

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? Family Court Judge

Business Address:

101 Park Avenue,

Aiken, SC 29801

Telephone Number:

(office): 803-642-1728

2. Date of Birth:

1957

Place of Birth:

Aiken, SC

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? yes

Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? yes

- 5. Family Status: Married on October 9, 1982 to Von Pope Snelgrove. Never Divorced, two children
- 6. Have you served in the military? No
- 7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.
 - a) University of SC BA in Humanities 1975 to 1979;
 - b) University of SC School of Law, JD 1979 to 1982.
- 8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.

 SC
- 9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.

USC School of Law-1979 Moot Court Team.

10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

Conference/CLE Name		<u>Dates</u>
a)	SC Bar Convention—	1/21/10 to 1/24/10;
b)	Domestic Litigation Seminar	5/21/10;
c)	Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners	10/1/10;
d)	SC Family Court Bench Bar	12/3/10;
e)	SC Bar Convention	1/20/11 to 1/23/11;
f)	Hot Tips from The Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners	9/16/11;
g)	Family Law Intensive	10/6/11;
h)	SC Family Court Bench Bar	12/2/11;
i)	SC Bar Convention	1/19/12 to 1/22/12;
j)	Presenting the Family Law Case	4/27/12;
k)	Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners	9/28/12;



1)	SC Family Court Bench Bar	12/7/12;
m)	SC Bar Convention	1/24/13 to 1/27/13;
n)	Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners	9/27/13;
o)	Family Law Intensive	10/23/13;
p)	SC Family Court Bench Bar	12/6/13;
q)	SC Bar Convention	1/23/14 to 1/26/14;
r)	In the Best Interests of the Child	1/31/14;
s)	Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners	9/26/14;
t)	SC Women Lawyers Association Program	10/10/14 to 10/1114;
u)	SC Family Court Bench Bar	12/5/14;
v)	SC Bar Convention	1/22/15 to 1/2515.

- Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
 - a) I have lectured at Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners on 10/1/10 on issues relevant to the Family Court;
 - b) I have lectured at Hot Tips from The Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners on 9/16/11 on issues relevant to the Family Court;
 - c) I have lectured at Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners on 9/28/12 on issues relevant to the Family Court;
 - d) I have lectured at Family Law Intensive on 10/23/13 on issues relevant to the Family Court;
 - e) I have lectured at Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners on 9/27/13 on issues relevant to the Family Court;
 - f) I have lectured at Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners on 9/26/14 on issues relevant to the Family Court.
- 12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
 - a) SC Family Lawyer Toolkit–First Edition
 - b) SC Client Handbook-First Edition
- 13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
 - SC, 1979 to present
- 14. Describe chronologically your legal experience since graduation from law school and include a list of all law firms with which you have been associated. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years.
 - a) 1979 to 2010 Johnson, Johnson, Whittle and Snelgrove, Attorneys, P.A.; Family Court Work.
 - b) 2010 to present–Family Court Judge;
 - Family Court Work.
- What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, <u>Best Lawyers</u>, <u>Chambers</u>, <u>Legal 500</u>, <u>Martindale-Hubbell</u>, <u>Who's Who Legal</u>, <u>Super Lawyers</u>, <u>etc.</u>? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any. Last Rating AV—<u>Martindale-Hubble</u>

23. Have you ever held judicial office? Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

Yes, July 2010 to present, SC Family Court, Elected, Family Court issues only.

- 24. If the answer to question 23 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.
 - (a) Whitney Lynn Moore v. Arthur Rose Moore; 2011-DR-10-2120 (presently pending in SC Supreme Court;
 - (b) Amee N. Patrick v. Andrew S. Patrick; 2015-DR-07-00887;
 - (c) David Stoppenhagen v. Heide Thrum-Stoppenhagen; 2013-DR-02-668;
 - (d) Judy Harriett-Brandt v. Donald M. Brandt; 2012-DR-05-158;
 - (e) Natally Shadwick v. Clay Duble; 2014-DR-37-0536 and 2011-DR-37-0087.
- 25. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office.

 No
- 26. List all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor.
- 27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?
- 28. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office?
- 29. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.
- 30. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
- 31. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.

 I practiced law with attorneys of the Johnson, Johnson, Whittle and Lancer law firm. I

would not let any of these attorneys appear before me.

- 32. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law?

 No
- 33. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?

 No
- 34. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy?

 No

- 35. Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally, that is, have you ever been named as defendant or respondent in any court of law?
- 37. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect?
- 38. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy. N/A
- 39. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity? Yes, I have a Facebook account; however, I do not post anything related to my work, and I have no Facebook friends that are attorneys other than family members.
- 40. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)?

 No
- 41. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal?
- 42. S.C. Code § 8-13-700 provides, in part, that "[n]o public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. Include the disposition, if any, of such charges or allegations.

 None
- 43. S.C. Code § 8-13-765 provides, in part, that "[n]o person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. Include the disposition, if any, of such charges or allegations.

 None
- 44. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek

 None
- 45. List the amount and recipient of all contributions made by you or on your behalf to members of the General Assembly since the announcement of your intent to seek election to a judgeship.

None

- 46. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened?

 None
- 47. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? If so, give details. Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf?
- 48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy?
- 49. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate?
- 50. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
 - (a) SC Women Lawyer's Association 2009 to present;
 - (b) SC Bar Family Law Section 2000 to present.
- 51. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.

None

- 52. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek.
 - I find my job fascinating. I try to attend seminars that provide information that may be new or different. I enjoy talking with other judges about their cases and novel issues. I find that no matter how long one has practiced law or sat on the bench, there is a new issue at least once per week. I listen to attorneys at social occasions talk of problems. I ask them to tell me what habits or traits they find difficult in judges and find helpful in judges. If I am in a social situation where one does not know that I am a judge, and they are discussing his/her courtroom experience, I listen intently to see how their experience could have been better or worse, depending on the judge's demeanor
- 53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five persons, including your banker, from whom references could be obtained.
 - (a) Beth Barkhau 403 Crumwald Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086; 803-646-0599
 - (b) Connie Henrich 321 Longleaf Court, Aiken, SC 29803;

803-518-0587

(c) Britt Speer
Member Service Specialist SC Credit Union
800 Huger Street,
Columbia, SC 29201;
803-255-8474

- (d) Carol Horseley 3953 Wood Valley Drive, Aiken, SC 29803; 803-507-3755
- (e) Nancy Lambert 1936 Cottonwood Drive, Aiken, SC 29803; 803-642-5722
- 54. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
 - in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina. None

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.
- 55. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency.

 None

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: s/Vicki J. Snelgrove

Date: July 28, 2015